

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Services – Backward Classes Welfare Department - Vigilance Cell – Karimnagar District – Certain allegations of irregularities and corruption against Sri P.Venkataiah, District Backward Classes Welfare Officer (Retd), Karimnagar District – Imposition of Major penalty of 20% cut in the pension permanently – Orders – Issued.

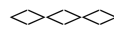
BACKWARD CLASSES WEFLRE (VIG.CELL.A1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 61

Dated: 11-12-2008

Read the following:

- 1) From the Commissioner, B.C.Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, Proceedings No.A2/10587/2001, dt. 22.12.2001.
- 2) From the Commissioner, B.C.Welfare, Hyderabad, Proceedings No.A2/10587/2001, dt.27.3.2002.
- 3) Explanation of Sri P.Venkataiah, former District B.C.Welfare Officer, Karimnagar Dt.21.2.2003.
- 4) From the Commissioner, B.C.Welfare, Hyderabad, Proceedings No.A2/10587/2001, dt.14.10.2003.
- 5) From the Deputy Director-I & E.O., O/o the C.B.C.W., Hyderabad, report, dt. 13.10.2003.
- 6) Govt.Memo.No.200/Vig.Cell/2002-22, dt.28.8.2006.
- 7) From Sri P.Venkataiah, District B.C.Welfare Officer, (Retd), Karimnagar District, Explanation dt.22.9.2006.
- 8) Govt.Lr.No.200/Vig.Cell/2002-25, dt.25.1.2008.
- 9) From the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Lr.No.185/RT-I/3/2008, dt.25.8.2008.



O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, the Commissioner, Backward Classes Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that, it was brought to the notice, through anonymous petition, enclosing various paper clippings, which appeared in various news papers, alleging that the District Backward Classes Welfare Officer Karimnagar and staff have committed certain irregularities in appointments. Accordingly, the then Joint Director, O/o the Commissioner, Backward Classes Welfare, Hyderabad has enquired into the allegations and submitted his report. Based on the report, Sri P.Venkataiah, former District Backward Classes Welfare Officer, Karimnagar was placed under suspension by the Commissioner, Backward Classes Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad.

2 In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner, Backward Classes Welfare Hyderabad, was framed the following Articles of charges against Sri P.Venkataiah, formerly District Backward Classes Welfare Officer, and requested to submit his explanation:-

Charge – I : That the said Sri P.Venkataiah, District B.C.Welfare Officer has permitted Sri G.Mallaiah, Cook, B.C. Boys Hostel, Chandurty to retire on medical invalidation grounds and appointed his son Sri G.Rajashekar, on compassionate grounds on medical

invalidation as Gr.II Warden, vide Proc.No.C/182/2001, dated. 20.5.2001 where there is no such provision for appointment of Warden, Grade.II in B.C. Service Rules. The appointment is irregular and not as per rules. Hence the charge.

Charge – II : That the said Sri P.Vankataiah, District B.C.Welfare Officer has appointed Sri B.Ramesh, Secondary Grade Teacher of a private aided school in Karimnagar, as Grade.II Warden vide Proc.No.A/5/2001, dated.18.6.2001. The appointment is irregular and contrary to the rule position of appointing Warden, Grade.II from the Teachers of B.C.Ashram Schools only.

Charge – III : That the said Sri P.Vankataiah, DBCWO appointed Sri B.Ramesh, a teacher working in a private school, as Warden,Grade.II, who passed only Degree with TTC qualifications as against the required Degree with B.Ed., qualifications as per G.O.Ms.No.4, dated. 18.1.2001 and was shown as B.C.-B to suite to the needs of the candidate, i.e., Sri B.Ramesh, who belongs to Padmasali B.C-B Group. (Actually the roster point is B.C.-D). Therefore the appointment of Sri B.Ramesh as Gr.II Warden is irregular and not as per the rules prescribed by the Government.

Charge – IV: That the said Sri P.Venkataiah, District B.C.Welfare Officer has appointed Sri A.Bhoomaiah, S/o Ramachandraiah, Ex-Serviceman as Cook in Government B.C. Boys Hostel, Candurty on compassionate grounds quoting the irrelevant Government orders and appointments are made when is ban on recruitment, violating clause (3) (i) of Act 2 of 1994. Further the appointment of Sri A.Bhoomaiah, as Class-IV employee in B.C. Hostels is made without obtaining the order of the Commissioner of B.C.Welfare and the Government. The DBCWO did not mention the Roaster Point against which the appointment was made as the Ex-Serviceman appointment has to be made against the specified Roaster Point 12 & 37 only. The DBCWO has therefore failed to bring the provisions of the Rules and existing ban orders of the Government which attracts the violation of the clause 3 (i) of Act 2, of 1994.

Charge – V : That the said Sri P.Vankataiah, District B.C.Welfare Officer, has appointed Sri S.Venkateshwarlu as Junior Assistant cum Typist on compassionate grounds, without observing the rules pertaining to qualifications prescribed for the post and also without any representation from Smt.S.Chilakamma to appoint her son on compassionate grounds. The appointment of Sri S.Venkateshwarlu as Junior Assistant cum Typist is in violation of rules and irregular.

Charge – VI : The District B.C.Welfare Officer sanctioned Rs.75,000/- each as Medical advances to Sri V.Narsinga Rao, Jr.Asst, and Sri P.Raji Reddy, Sr.Asst., of the O/o DBCWO simply on paper application of the individuals which irregular without following any rules and competency of the sanction. The DBCWO therefore committed serious financial irregularity, which warrants disciplinary action.

Charge – VII : That the said Sri P.Venkataiah, District B.C.Welfare Officer, Karimnagar deliberately violated the rules in force with malafide intentions and ulterior motives and not brought the actual rule position to the notice of the competent authority an committed grave irregularities.

3. Sri P.Venkataiah, formerly District Backward Classes Welfare Officer has submitted his explanation to the Commissioner, B.C.Welfare, in the reference 3rd read above, and since his explanation was not convincing, Sri S.Srinivasulu, the then Deputy Director, O/o the Commissioner of B.C.Welfare, Hyderabad was appointed as Inquiry Officer to enquire into the matter, in the reference 4th read above.

4. The Commissioner, Backward Classes Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, has further informed that after careful examination of the Enquiry Officer's report, in the reference 5th read above, a Show-cause notice was issued to Sri P.Venkataiah, for imposing the major punishment and he has submitted his explanation to him. Since, Sri P.Venkataiah, was retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.4.2004, without prejudice to the right of the Government to take action against him, even after retirement on the disciplinary cases pending against him. Further the Commissioner, B.C.Welfare, Hyderabad has referred the disciplinary case to Government, with a requested to issue orders for imposing major punishment against Sri P.Venkataiah, the then District B.C.Welfare Officer, Karimnagar as per Rule 9 of Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. Government have examined the disciplinary case in detail, and it was felt that Sri P.Venkataiah, District B.C.Welfare Officer (Retired), with malafide intention, illegally has made appointments, and 6 charges out of 7 are held proved. The charges that are held proved are very serious in nature and it is a deliberate misconduct with malafide intention on the verge of retirement by the Charged Officer and decided to impose a major penalty of **"20% cut in pension permanently besides withholding of payment of gratuity"**. A show cause notice was issued against Sri P.Venkataiah, formerly District B.C.Welfare Officer, Karimnagar, presently retired from Government Service and requested to submit his representation on the provisional decision taken by the Government in the reference 6th read above.

6. In the reference 7th read above, Sri P.Venkataiah, formerly District Backward Classes Welfare Officer, has submitted his representation to the Government and requested to drop the charges with a minor punishment on humanitarian grounds besides ordering of release of all the due financial benefits.

7. Government have examined the representation of Sri P.Venkataiah, formerly District Backward Classes Welfare Officer, Karimnagar, and found that it was not convincing and the matter was consulted with the A.P.Public Service Commission for its concurrence before confirming the provisional decision to impose penalty of 20% cut in pension permanently besides withholding of gratuity under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, in the reference 8th read above.

8. In the reference 9th read above, the A.P.Public Service Commission has agreed the proposal of the Government, to impose punishment of 20% cut in pension permanently besides withholding of gratuity on Sri P.Venkataiah, formerly District Backward Classes Welfare Officer (now retired).

9. Accordingly, Government hereby impose penalty of 20% cut in pension permanently, besides withholding of gratuity against Sri P.Venkataiah, formerly District Backward Classes Welfare Officer (now retired) under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules 1980.

10. The Director, B.C.Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad., is requested to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

T.SATYANARAYANA RAO
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

Sri P.Venkataiah, former District B.C.Welfare Officer, Karimnagar, (now retired) **through** Director, B.C.Welfare, A.P.Hyderabad.

The Director, B.C.Welfare, A.P. Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The District Collector, Karimnagar.

The District Backward Classes Welfare Officer, Karimnagar.

The Accountant General, A.P.Hyderabad

The District Treasury Officer, Karimnagar.

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau., A.P.Hyderabad.

The Secretary, A.P.V.C.Hyderabad.

The Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, A.P., Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER